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SUBJECT:SECRETARY'S VISIT

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1. USDAO REPORT CITED REFTEL INDEED INTERESTING BUT WE ARE SOMEWHAT PUZZLED BY SOME ASPECTS OF IT.

2. GEISEL'S INTEREST IN SECRETARY'S VISIT CLEAR BUT EXTENT AND NATURE OF HIS INTEREST AS REPORTED SEEMS RATHER CURIOUS. WE ARE OF COURSE AWARE OF GEISEL'S STATEMENT THAT IF TRADE PROBLEMS GET OUT OF HAND, THEY COULD AFFECT OUR RELATIONSHIP. PERHAPS THAT IS BASIS FOR MEIRA MATTOS' COMMENTS ON GEISEL'S VIEWS (VIA CORREA). EVEN SO, HOWEVER, THESE VIEWS SEEM NOT ONLY EXAGGERATED BUT CARRY SEVERAL INTERESTING IMPLICATIONS, PARTICULARLY IF PARLAYED INTO SUGGESTION THAT SECY'S VISIT MIGHT PRODUCE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR CORREA TO CARRY OUT MORE SUBSTANTIVE TALKS DURING WASHINGTON STAY.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENT, ESPECIALLY WITH REFERENCE TO "DEFINITION OF BRAZIL'S ROLES" AND HOW THIS MIGHT RELATE TO "NO AUTOMATIC ALLIANCES" POLICY. INGERSOLL

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